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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: LIBERIA REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL US ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) MONROVIA 4709; (B) MONROVIA 4836

2. CONCUR EMBASSY'S INTENTION SIMPLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE
RECEIPT OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND INFORM MINISTRY IT HAS BEEN
FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION WITH NO COMMENT
ON SUBSTANCE AT THIS TIME.

2. IF GOL OFFICIALS INITIATE DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT DURING
CHARGE'S CALLS WITH NEW USAID/L DIRECTOR, REPLY SHOULD BE
ALONG GENERAL LINES THAT WHILE YOU DO NOT WISH PREJUDGE
DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF AIDE MEMOIRE, YOU ARE AWARE
OF STRONG FEELING IN U.S. THAT OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES

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BEAR A RESPONSIBILITY FOR MITIGATING HARDSHIPS CAUSED

TO LDCS BY INCREASED OIL PRICES. YOU ALSO RECALL (STATE A-4568 OF 5 JUNE 1974) THAT SECRETARY EXPRESSED USG CONCERN WITH PROBLEMS OF LDCS AT UN SPECIAL SESSION EARLIER THIS YEAR AND THAT USG PARTICIPATING IN THE UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SPECIAL PROGRAM SET UP BY RESOLUTION OF 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN THAT CONTEXT, WE HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT WE WILL COOPERATE IN THE 12 MONTH EMERGENCY OPERATION UNDER THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, DESIGNED TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MSAS) BY EXTENDING ASSISTANCE BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH EXISTING MULTILATERAL CHANNELS. LIBERIA IS NOT ON CURRENT UN LIST OF MSAS. HOWEVER, USG WISHES REMAIN IDENTIFIED IN LARGER SENSE WITH EFFORTS OF COUNTRIES LIKE LIBERIA TO IMPROVE STANDARD OF LIVING OF ITS PEOPLE. SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ENSURES CONTINUED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF WAYS WE CAN BE MOST HELPFUL WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. AID/W AND DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF ANNUAL REVIEW OF AID PROGRAMS, AND GOL CAN BE ASSURED WE WILL ATTEMPT RESPOND TO LIBERIA'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS IN FORTHCOMING WAY. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO INCREASE OUR INVOLVEMENT IN LIBERIA'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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